

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Bruce Sexton of Oneida.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Bruce Sexton, a vigilant practitioner of the law who lived a life based on the principle of treating every person with dignity, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, one of thirteen children, Mr. Sexton was born on March 26, 1938, to Manford E. Sexton and Wilda Baker Sexton; he followed his father's footsteps into the military, serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the Army, Charles Sexton began his law career in the mid-1960s as an attorney; he was elected as General Sessions Judge for Scott County in 1974, in which capacity he served until 1990. He then returned to private practice, this time in partnership with his son and son-in-law at their firm, Sexton, Sexton & Leach; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to the service of God, Mr. Sexton was a Bible study teacher at First Baptist Church of Oneida, where he held longtime membership, and New Haven Baptist Church, where he was an active member at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Charles Sexton's idea of a life well lived was one that included family, food, and fun; his love for his family came second only to his love for God, and he never fell short of expressing this love through instruction, discipline, encouragement, and support; and

WHEREAS, Charles Sexton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Patricia Miller Sexton, from 1962 until the time of her passing; their blessed union produced three children, Pamela Sexton (Shannon) Marlow, C. Patrick (Traci) Sexton, and Amy Jayne (Gregory) Leach; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his children and their spouses, Mr. Sexton will be sorely missed but fondly remembered by his grandchildren Patrick Tanner Sexton, Dalton Blake Sexton, Presley Scott Leach, Trace Alexander Sexton, Mikayla Brooke Sexton, Charley Jessica Leach, and Mia Jade Sexton; his siblings Donald Sexton, Landon Sexton, Wanda Jones, Fayrene Terry, Annette Mouat, and Judy Hutchins; a host of nieces and nephews; special friends Patricia Terry, Nicole Keeton, Jennifer Carroll, and Erika Byrge; and many other loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; grandson Brett Austin Sexton; granddaughter Kristian Jayne Leach; siblings Roy Denver Sexton, Manford Sexton, Jr., Tommy Burton Sexton, Sr., Theora York, Louise Reed, and Edwina Greenwood; father-in-law, Charles H. Miller; mother-in-law, Shirley Jayne Miller; and brother-in-law, Charles H. Miller, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Charles Sexton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Bruce Sexton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Sexton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.